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SUBJECT: FERROUS SCRAP: REQUEST FOR INCREASE OF QUOTA

REF: SD 2269 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A FOREIGN OFFICE NOTE, DATED JULY 18, REQUESTING THAT THE USG GRANT QUOTE COMPLEJO METALURGICO DOMINICANO, C. POR A. (METALDOM) A QUOTA OF 15,000 SHORT TONS OF STEEL SCRAP FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF THE CURRENT YEAR. UNQUOTE

2. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THE ATTACHMENT TO THE NOTE (A LETTER FROM METALDOM PRESIDENT ARMANDO FERNANDEZ TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER):
QUOTE AS THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DULY ADVISED YOU, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WAS ALLOCATED 5,000 SHORT TONS OF STEEL SCRAP FROM THE EMERGENCY RESERVE FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1974.
SINCE THE POLICY OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE IS TO CONSIDER AND RESOLVE FAVORABLY THE REQUESTS OF FRIENDLY COUNTRIES EACH QUARTER, WE WOULD ASK YOU TO USE YOUR GOOD OFFICES WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
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STATES OF AMERICA IN ORDER THAT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC BE

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ALLOCATED A QUOTA OF 15,000 SHORT TONS FOR THE THIRD
QUARTER OF THE CURRENT YEAR.
WE WISH TO POINT OUT THAT IN ORDER TO MEET FULLY OUR
SCRAP REQUIREMENTS, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY THAT THE EMERGENCY
RESERVE QUOTA REQUESTED (15,000 TONS) BE ALLOCATED TO US AT
THE BEGINNING OF THE THIRD QUARTER, THAT IS, DURING THE MONTH
OF JULY, SO THAT WE MAY SCHEDULE OUR SHIPMENTS CONSECUTIVELY,
WITH A VIEW TO ENSURING A FLOW OF RAW MATERIALS THAT WOULD
GUARANTEE PERMANENT WORK TO OUR LABOR FORCE.
I SHOULD ADD THAT THE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING
SCRAP ARE COMPLICATED FURTHER BY THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF CHARTERING
SHIPS FOR SMALL TONNAGES OF RAW MATERIALS. AT THIS TIME, THE
1.000 TONS BALANCE OUTSTANDING (FROM THE 5,000 TONS
QUOTA ALLOCATED TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FOR THE SECOND
QUARTER OF 1974) CANNOT BE SHIPPED UNTIL WE HAVE THE
THIRD QUARTER QUOTA AVAILABLE. THIS, TOGETHER WITH THE PREVIOUS
BALANCE, WOULD ENABLE US TO SCHEDULE OUR SHIPMENTS FOR
QUANTITIES ACCEPTABLE TO THE SHIPS AVAILABLE.
I WISH TO REPEAT ONCE AGAIN ALL THE CONSIDERATIONS OF OUR
FIRST COMMUNICATION CONCERNING THE MANY BENEFITS TO BE
DERIVED BY THE COUNTRY FROM THE OBTAINMENT OF THE QUOTA WHICH
WE ARE REQUESTING THROUGH YOU.
IT IS ALSO PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT METALDOM
IS THE SOLE INDUSTRY MANUFACTURING CONSTRUCTION RODS IN THE
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND, THEREFORE, THE ONLY SCRAP IMPORTER,
WHICH GUARANTEES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THAT FRIENDLY COUNTRY
THAT NO OTHER SIMILAR REQUEST WILL BE SUBMITTED TO ITS
CONSIDERATION, BECAUSE THERE IS NO OTHER NATIONAL
INDUSTRY REQUIRING THIS RAW MATERIAL. UNQUOTE

3. ONCE AGAIN, EMBASSY HOPES THAT EVERY POSSIBLE
CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THIS REQUEST.
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